

Senate to have Item No. 6 on the Order Paper called first. I am sure it is noncontentious.

**Hon. Senators:** Agreed.

**Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West):** Honourable senators, as is evident from this item on the Order Paper, it is a matter of a resolution rather than a bill. I have consulted with the honourable Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Brooks) and I think it would be agreeable universally for the Senate to comply with the request of the House of Commons to unite with them in the formation of a joint committee for a study of this question, before the resolution is considered in this house.

I would therefore move, seconded by Honourable Mr. Brooks:

That the Senate do unite with the House of Commons in the appointment of a Special Joint Committee of both houses to consider and from time to time report upon the subject-matter of the following proposed resolution: "That the Government be authorized to take such steps as may be necessary to provide that 'O Canada' shall be the National Anthem of Canada while 'God Save the Queen' shall be the Royal Anthem in Canada";

That the Senate designate six members of the Senate to be members of the Joint Committee, namely, the Honourable Senators Bourget, Davey, Gelin, Smith (Queens-Shelburne), White and Yuzyk;

That the committee have the power to sit during sittings and adjournments of the Senate; and

That a message be sent to the House of Commons to inform that house accordingly.

**Hon. Mr. Roebuck:** May I ask what steps the Government can take or are contemplating to bring about the desired result?

**Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West):** I must answer that question off the top of my head, so to speak—and there is not much there to cover it. If the resolution with respect to this item is adopted by both houses, there would probably be a proclamation which would bring the resolution into effect. I say that subject to correction, as this is a matter which the committee may well consider.

**Hon. Mr. Power:** May I ask a question?

**Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West):** Yes, with leave.

**Hon. Mr. Power:** I am somewhat puzzled by the language:

—that the Government be authorized to take such steps as may be necessary to provide that 'O Canada' shall be the National Anthem of Canada while 'God Save the Queen' shall be the Royal Anthem in Canada.

What is the difference between "of Canada" and "in Canada"?

**Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West):** I think that an honourable senator who not only writes a book but writes a best seller has a lot of nerve to ask a mere individual like myself what is the difference between "of" and "in". He is an expert in English.

If there is need to give serious consideration to that question, I suggest that the honourable senator attend the committee and put it before them. They are going to be paid for that kind of work; all I do here is introduce the motion.

**Hon. Mr. Power:** That is a very unsatisfactory answer.

Motion agreed to.

## NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION BILL

### SECOND READING

The Senate resumed from yesterday the adjourned debate on the motion of Honourable Mr. Deschatelets, for the second reading of Bill C-231, to define and implement a national transportation policy for Canada, to amend the Railway Act and other acts in consequence thereof and to enact other consequential provisions.

**Hon. Gunnar S. Thorvaldson:** Honourable senators, at the outset of my remarks on Bill C-231 I would like to pay my humble respects to the late honourable Mr. Murdock MacPherson and to the members of the royal commission which bears his name. The report of that royal commission was a monumental one in regard to the transportation problems of Canada; and it is the foundation stone of this legislation.

Mr. MacPherson, although born in the Maritimes, became a distinguished citizen of the west. He was a former attorney general of the Province of Saskatchewan and throughout his life was one of the distinguished sons of this country. It may have been but an accident of politics in history that he did not become leader of my party and perhaps a prime minister of Canada.